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Dozens of cottagers and full-time residents on Halls Lake are opposing a neighbour's application to establish a hobby farm close to the water. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

Opposition to AH hobby farm

By Mike Baker

Neighbours of a proposed hobby farm close to Halls Lake are worried about the negative impact livestock could have on the water, also raising concerns over potential long-term ramifications of rezoning the property.

An application from Tim and Laura Kegel to redesignate 1572 Little Hawk Lake Rd. to Rural-Exception (RU), from Shoreline Residential Two (SR2), will be discussed by Algonquin Highlands council May 29. If approved, the Kegels plan to build another residence and establish a "small" hobby farm with pigs and chickens on their six-acre property.

When brothers Max and JD Morrow, who own cottages on nearby Carey Close, learned about the plans last summer they joined approximately 100 residents opposing it.

"Having farm animals that close to the water, it will have a negative impact," Max said, noting the rear of the Kegels' property is on a hill about 70 metres from shore.

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Hope for health team for Minden

By Lisa Gervais

A new health team would be established at the Minden Health Hub if the Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Ontario Health Team (KLH-OHT) is chosen by the Ministry of Health.

The ministry is expected to announce in July the successful applicants from among Ontario Health Teams for something being called interprofessional primary care teams.

If KLH-OHT is successful, it would also have teams at the Coboconk Summit Wellness Centre and Woodville Medical Clinic.

It all stems form the Ontario government introducing, in January, the Primary Care Action Plan to connect every person in Ontario to primary care by 2029.

Stephanie MacLaren is the executive director of the KLH-OHT. She said the area's postal code (KOM) was identified as having a high rate of unattached patients without a regular primary care provider.

Speaking to the proposal for Minden, MacLaren said it is "for an additional primary care (run by an existing primary care partner organization, not an expansion of the current Urgent Care Clinic.)

"The goal is to provide ongoing, relationship-based care for people in the community who currently do not have a primary care provider. This would complement existing services by focusing on preventive and chronic disease care, not just urgent needs. It would be separate and distinct from the ongoing operations of the Urgent Care Clinic."

Asked what staffing could look like, MacLaren said the team may include a nurse practitioner, family physician,

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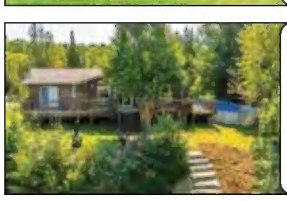

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and other health professionals, such as a social worker, registered practical nurse, or registered nurse. She said the exact composition of the team would depend on final funding and the ministry's approval.

Queried about existing difficulty attracting medical professionals to the area, the executive director said both the Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes' physician recruiters are at the table. "Their efforts are a valued part of the broader system, and the KLH-OHT sees alignment and collaboration as essential," she said.

MacLaren said the ministry is expected to announce the successful proposals by early summer with implementation commencing shortly after.

"There are many dependencies and moving parts and we are committed to keeping the community informed as the work progresses."

County council discusses proposal

The item was discussed at County Council May 14 following a report from CAO Gary Dyke. He said he participated in a planning session for the development of the proposal and also sits as a member of the KLH-OHT oversight committee.

"It's a great step forward for the advancement of health care in Haliburton as well as across the entire province," Dyke said.

His report indicated 6,902 residents across KLH-OHT are not attached to a primary care provider, including 1,566 residents on the province's Health Care Connect waitlist. He added the regional proposal would see 800 patients attached to primary health care by the fall of 2025; 3,900 by March 2026, 7,000 by March 2027, and 9,000 by March 2028.

He said for 2025-26, the province will invest $235 million to establish and expand up to 80 additional primary care teams, attaching 300,000 more people to ongoing primary care.

"It is noted that Haliburton County has been identified as a priority community under the plan," Dyke told council.

Dyke said the primary care partners of the KLH-OHT, led by the Kawartha North Family Health Team, submitted the proposal. Its executive director, Marina Hodson, deferred questions to MacLaren.

The CAO said the proposal speaks to deepened collaboration with Geriatric Assessment and Intervention Network, palliative care, mental health and addictions, and community paramedicine programs. "This ensures holistic, wraparound care – especially for complex patients."

Dyke told council when it comes to financials for the County, "as an identified community partner in the primary care action plan, County staff will be bringing forward subsequent reports for council's consideration pertaining to possible adjustments to our current community paramedicine and physician and health care professional recruitment and retention programs in support of the KLH-OHT proposal."

Stephanie MacLaren, who used to work with HHHS, is now the executive director of the KLH-OHT. *File.*

Coun. Bob Carter commented the report was "light on details, (we) don't exactly know how this is going to work, but any expansion of health care is welcome news in this area."

He said his only concern is it's not a Haliburton County solution. "I'm concerned Kawartha Lakes is just absorbing us and I don't see that as a good thing in the future."

But Dyke said there was "no indication of that in the meetings I have been involved with. It's how the province has dictated how the program will run out. The parameters were not initiated locally by Kawartha Lakes." He noted Dr. Keith Hay is on the oversight committee and "very vocal about the needs of Haliburton County." Coun. Cec Ryall, who sits on the board of health added, "Haliburton County has a very high voice and recognition in all of this."

County Council provided a letter of support for the proposal to the Minister of Health.

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The van that will be used as a community shuttle. *Submitted.*

HHHS offering shuttle bus

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) is launching a shuttle bus service for the community June 4 that will allow riders to do things such as get groceries, do pharmacy runs, and banking.

It will be for people in Haliburton, Minden, Wilberforce, Carnarvon and West Guilford areas, with each community getting services once a month on Wednesdays.

People will have to book ahead and the cost is $15 for a round-trip.

HHHS' Amanda Rowden, who is client service manager community support services and community liaison, said it is a six-month pilot project.

"We recognized that transportation's been a long-standing challenge in our County," Rowden said.

She added with the recent addition of two new vans to their fleet; community support services saw an opportunity "to trial a new approach."

The pilot was developed in response to their client satisfaction surveys, she added. "Particularly seniors and adults living with disabilities…it seems to be identified on every survey, or mostly every survey, that transportation is a major barrier.

"I get more and more calls from isolated seniors in our community saying, 'I can't even get to the food bank. How can I get a ride to get my blood work done and it's covered, but I can't get food.' That's really where this came from and I really hope that there's a positive reaction and I really hope we're able to continue it, but it will depend on the pilot."

Rowden said as community support services, under the hospital umbrella, they are similar to Community Care in Lindsay, and other areas, that offer shuttles to help people with groceries.

"We've always been limited to medical transportation because our fleet was limited and we had to guarantee we could get clients to medical appointments, but with the increased fleet, we're really privileged to be able to try something new."

Rowden said she pitched the idea to Jennifer Burns-West, chief nursing executive and vice president clinical and community support services, as well as president and CEO Veronica Nelson and, "they thought it was a good time to do it and they were really positive about thinking outside of the box and just trying to meet the community's needs, which is really refreshing, and I'm really excited."

She said they may discover through the pilot "maybe it's too much. We don't know what it's going to look like, so we just wanted to think outside the box."

The new van that will be used for the trial is an eight-seat passenger van. Rowden said it is wheelchair accessible. If two wheelchairs are onboard, it might mean an additional six passengers. She said it is also walker-friendly.

The schedule is week one Haliburton, week two Minden, week three Wilberforce, and week four Carnarvon/West Guilford.

Rowden said riders have to sign up by 4 p.m. the Monday before the Wednesday shuttle bus day.

HHHS will use an app called 'route optimizer' for efficient pick-ups and drop-offs. They'll pick people up at their homes, drop them off at the grocery store and pharmacy, then pick them back up again and take them home. She said people will have to pay the driver.

With Carnarvon and West Guilford, they will take people to and from Haliburton.

She added with Wilberforce, they would also pick up in Highlands East villages, such as Highland Grove and Gooderham.

She said they will be looking for client feedback as the pilot unrolls.

Pre-registration are required by emailing transportation@hhhs.ca.

"So far, it's been really well-received," Rowden said. "We've been getting lots of calls looking for information."

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Dr. Natalie Bocking, the HKNP's deputy medical officer of health, said the health unit has a plan should there be a local measles case. *Submitted.*

Ontario hit but no measles in County

By Mike Baker

Dr. Natalie Bocking, the region's deputy medical officer of health, has said she will not be surprised if a confirmed case of measles soon emerges in Kawartha Lakes or Haliburton, Northumberland and Peterborough counties.

Speaking at a May 15 meeting of the Haliburton Kawartha Northumberland Peterborough district health unit (HKNP), Bocking said there has been a major re-emergence of measles in Ontario since a first case was confirmed last fall. In 1998 it was declared eliminated in Canada by the World Health Organization.

As of May 17, there has been 1,848 cases in Ontario in 2025, with 194 new cases reported between May 11 and 17. Nationwide, 2,515 people have been stricken by the virus, which presents with flu-like symptoms such as a fever, cough, runny nose, and conjunctivitis, followed by small white spots inside the cheeks and a reddish-brown rash that spreads from the face to the rest of the body.

Measles can also weaken the immune system and lead to secondary infections like pneumonia.

Of those afflicted, Bocking said about 94 per cent either hadn't been vaccinated against measles or had an unknown immunization status. She noted most of the Ontario cases have been reported around London and Guelph. As of May 27, there hasn't been any in the local region.

"We should not be surprised if we do see a case. We certainly have had individuals who have been exposed – if attending gatherings in other jurisdictions where a case has been identified. So, the health unit is continuing to plan and prepare for when a case may, or likely will, arrive," Bocking said.

Last week, the health unit issued a media release reporting a possible exposure at Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay. Someone tested positive after reporting to the hospital May 19, though Ashley Beaulac, health unit spokesperson, said it has yet to result in further infections.

Bocking said vaccination is the most effective way to prevent a measles outbreak.

"We have relatively good vaccination coverage, but there are still pockets of people, families who may not have had access, or chosen not to be vaccinated."

People born before 1970 are considered immune, due to the high prevalence of measles then. Anyone who has previously contracted the virus is also considered immune.

To be covered, people usually require two shots, Bocking said – in Ontario, a first dose is recommended between 12 and 18 months, and the second dose between four and six years old. Bocking noted that, ideally, all children will have their second dose before starting school.

Measles is one of the afflictions included in the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*, meaning students require full vaccination unless they've applied for an exemption. With the health unit suspending its student inoculations throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, she said there are more people at-risk of contracting the virus than at any other point over the past 30 years.

Coverage for seven-year-olds across HKNP is about 90 per cent, and about 95 per cent for 17-year-olds.

Bocking recommended anyone traveling internationally should check to make sure they're fully vaccinated, as most Canadian cases are contracted overseas.

With summer right around the corner, she warned that places like Haliburton County will soon be abuzz with youth attending camp. Bocking said the health unit has been working with camp operators to ensure they have proper plans in place to manage a potential outbreak.

"Operations will be significantly impacted if people don't have access to their records of immunization to be able to demonstrate immunity," she said.

For more information, visit hkpr.on.ca/measles.

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- June 26 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in-person or via the live-stream link.

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Rotary flush over MTO washroom donation

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton Rotary's $200,000 makeover of Skyline Park has gotten a major boost from the park's owner - the Ministry of Transportation.

Haliburton Rotary said on May 20 that the MTO will fund new, year-round accessible washrooms in the park. The building will replace seasonal, May to October, porta-potties.

"We are delighted that MTO, the owner of Skyline Park, has stepped up in a big way with funding for the washrooms, one of the key elements of Rotary's Skyline Park initiative," said project committee chair Chuck Wheeler.

Committee member Jerry Walker added, "we also want to thank MPP Laurie Scott for her assistance behind-the-scenes in securing MTO funding. She has been a big supporter of the project from the get-go."

Scott said she wanted to thank Haliburton Rotary for "their dedication to work with MTO to give Skyline Park a much-needed makeover and beautification. Congratulations to all the members of Rotary for giving us a clearer view."

Over the next three years, Rotary is planning the following improvements to the park for tourists and residents to enjoy: removing trees and brush to improve the view (in progress); repairing the broken concrete on the existing viewing platform (done); constructing extensions to the existing viewing platform; creating a new upper-viewing platform to accommodate people with mobility issues; building two new picnic pavilions with concrete pads and covered roofs; the washrooms; providing new benches and picnic tables (partially complete); improving pathways using recycled asphalt, which will not erode and is more accessible (partially complete); parking lines to indicate regular and handicapped parking spaces; creating designated bus parking that allows for safe and easy turnaround for tour buses; installing display boards, highlighting the community's history and current attractions; and improving safety fencing and signage.

Gerry MacDonald, John Beachli, Ursula Devolin, and Chuck Wheeler, pose at the Skyline Park platform. *File.*

The project is being funded by the Haliburton Rotary Club, and through grants and donations.

"If you buy a Rotary car draw ticket, you are supporting our Skyline Park project," said Rotary president Sue Collings. "We are also grateful for the grants we have received from the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC), which has provided several generous Local Initiatives Program grants," Collings added.

The project has also been a recipient of grants from the Rotary District, which the local club is a part of.

"Retailers have also stepped up to provide building materials and project supplies at a reduced cost to the project and we are grateful for their continued support," Rotary member John Beachli said.

Rotary Club members have financially contributed to the project with their time and wallets, and the project has had a $5,000 donation from a local resident who supports the initiative.

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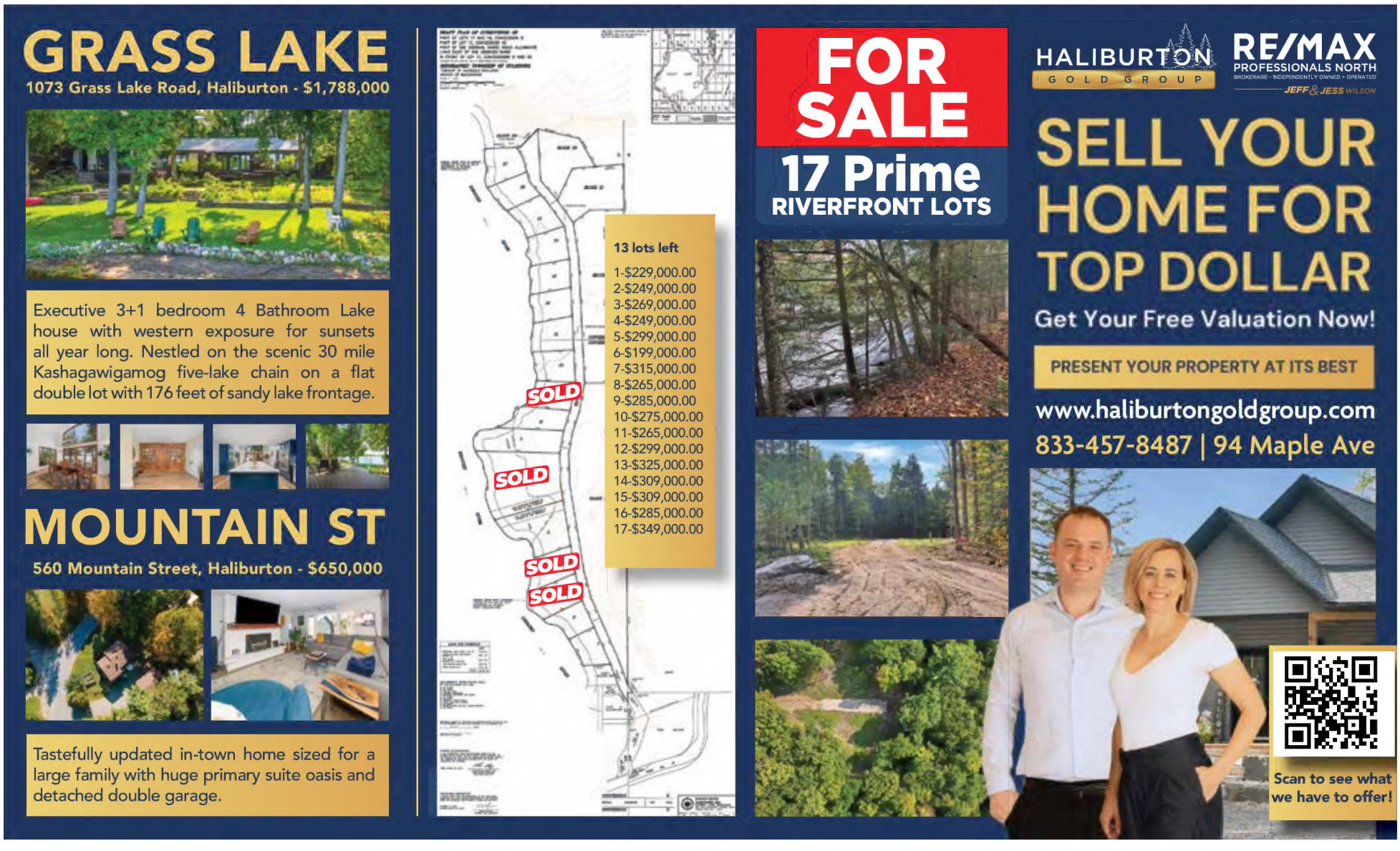

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Dysart to allow short stays in additional dwelling units

By Mike Baker

Approximately 14 months from the implementation of a bylaw allowing non-waterfront homeowners to construct additional dwelling units (ADUs) on their property and Dysart et al council has signed off on a major change to the legislation.

At a May 27 meeting, councillors opted to amend the bylaw so that ADUs can be rented out on a short-term basis. When the program was rolled out in March 2024, the intent was that it would create more long-term rentals for locals, said planner Jeff Iles.

When announcing the *More Homes Built Faster Act* in 2023, premier Doug Ford said he hoped opening the door for ADUs would help the provincial government hit its target of building 1.5 million new homes by 2031. Iles said this change opposes that viewpoint.

"It's staff's opinion the proposed amendment will remove housing options for our community. Because of that, and because this proposal does not really comply with the priorities [of the original bylaw] or provincial policy, staff recommend this be withdrawn," Iles said.

Coun. Pat Casey said he believes the decision over whether to rent a property short-term or long-term should rest with the owner, which deputy mayor Walt McKechnie and councillors Tammy Donaldson, Carm Sawyer and Barry Boice agreed with.

Sawyer said the township "has got to do something different" given the low uptake in new ADU applications thus far – Dysart had received three applications as of Jan. 30 – and the fact people are opting to leave already installed ADUs vacant rather than rent out long-term.

"If people don't rent it this way (short-term), they're not going to rent it at all… there's no more [space in our] hotels, motels and resorts, the numbers there are dwindling," Sawyer said.

Donaldson added, "I think people forget that we're a tourist [area]. We do have the Haliburton School of Art + Design here, and a lot of other things. I completely agree with [the change]."

A property with an ADU in Haliburton village. *File.*

Nancy Wood-Roberts was the first to speak against the proposal, saying, "there's not enough living opportunities for people that work and live here. It's nice to have space for visitors, but what about the people who are here in the community and don't have housing?"

Township clerk Mallory Bishop advised council that since the decision goes directly against provincial policy it could be appealed. With Iles recommending against the update, she said it could be a "difficult" case to win.

Iles suggested allowing people to apply to make their ADUs short-term rentals on a case-by-case basis, rather than implementing blanket approval. When he told Casey that process would likely take up to four months, the councillor felt that was too long for people to wait.

"I say we run the ball and see what the province says. In terms of this generating housing, it's been a… train wreck so far," Casey said. "If people can make money, it increases tourism in the area. It's the person's civil liberties of their own property to do what they want within reason. I think we give it to them to see if they want short-term or long-term."

Some other nearby communities, including Algonquin Highlands and Kawartha Lakes, allow rentals of 28 days or less in ADUs. Iles said, "I don't know how to make it work so that we comply with provincial policy, but there are ways to do it."

Council directed him to bring the amendment back to a future meeting for final approval.

DYSART ET AL NEWS

Grace Lake tower

It's another one down for Rogers and the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) as the latest cell tower included in the $300 million Cell Gap project was supported by Dysart et al council this week.

At a May 27 meeting, councillors gave the thumbs up to a 60-metre self-supported tower that will serve the community around Grace and Clement lakes. Planner Jeff Iles said the structure will be located off Burleigh Road, noting there are no residential properties located within 180-metres of the proposed site.

Five people attended a public consultation in April, including coun. Tammy Donaldson. She asked if there were any existing tower sites Rogers could co-locate on. William Elder, representing Rogers, said there weren't. There is a Bell structure seven kilometres away from the proposed site, and another EORN tower going up in Harcourt Park 11 kilometres away, but Elder said using those would create dead zones within the EORN system.

"Rogers would always look at co-locating first because of the cost savings – they don't want to put up towers for the sake of putting them up. They're going where they need to be," he said, noting it will be a 4G tower with 5G capability.

Elder confirmed this tower site was a replacement for an earlier proposal closer to Clement Lake, which was not supported by Highlands East council in 2023 due to its proximity to homes in the area.

Iles said staff received nine comments opposing the application for issues ranging from lighting and visual impacts, health concerns, potential decline in property values, and wildlife/habitat protection.

The file will now go to Innovation, Space, Economic Development Canada (ISED) for final approval.

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Kegels just want 'to live off the land'

By Mike Baker

Halls Lake resident Tim Kegel and wife, Laura, say it's always been their dream to have a small hobby farm and be as self-sustaining as possible.

The couple are seeking to rezone their six-acre property at 1572 Little Hawk Lake Rd. When they first added animals in 2018, they thought the land was Rural-Exception (RU), which allows hobby farms. They had six to eight pigs per year, though stopped raising in 2023 after learning the property is zoned Shoreline Residential 2.

"Living off the land really appeals to us. We have an apple orchard, some gardens… we don't have pigs anymore, but we want to raise four or five per year, butcher them in the fall and have the meat for winter," Kegel said. "We also have about 10 chickens, which gives us way more eggs than we could ever eat, and honeybees."

He says there were no issues with neighbours until 2023, after he clear cut a half-acre at the rear of his property, closest to the water, and used the leftover stumps to create a berm along his property line.

Kegel claims that after complaints over the berm went nowhere, his neighbours turned their attention to his pigs. Multiple people approached him about the smell in 2023, though he says he wasn't doing anything differently from when he had no complaints.

After investing about $100,000 getting his hobby farm off the ground, Kegel has gone without his pigs for the past two years. He's had representatives from the

Laura and Tim Kegel want to rezone their property near Halls Lake so they can build a second residential unit and establish a legal hobby farm. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Agribusiness (OMAFRA), Algonquin Highlands township, and environmental consultants look at his operation. All have given him a passing grade, he claims.

He's submitted environmental impact and nutrient management studies to the township, while also sharing a report from an OMAFRA officer, Jon Harris, who inspected the site in November 2023 after the ministry received complaints from neighbours worried that manure created by the pigs may seep into Halls Lake.

"The setback from the area [the pigs were kept] to the lake is sufficient to meet any requirements and there are no indications of any impacts to the surface water… no corrective actions are required at this time," Harris wrote.

Having lived on Halls Lake since 1988, when his family purchased Shalom on the Lake, Kegel said he's just as concerned about the lake's long-term health.

"We're a big part of the community - I grew up on this lake. We're rebuilding our home (following a 2023 fire) because I plan to live the rest of my life on the lake. I care about it just as much as everyone else."

With concerns raised over the types of things RU designation allows, Kegel said he's offered to include exemptions in his application, prohibiting him or any future owner from developing an asphalt plant, quarry, or other non-conforming use.

Kegel also wants to build a secondary residence on the property for his older children and keep shipping containers installed 12 years ago when he bought it – both are prohibited in SR2 zones.

"I think this has all been ludicrously overblown – we haven't hidden anything. Any time I wanted to do something new or different, I reached out to the township. Because both my, and their, records stated the land is RU, I've always been told I can get on with it," Kegel said. "We're not directly on the water, we have specialists telling us our hobby farm won't impact the lake… hopefully common sense prevails."

AH mayor Liz Danielsen says 'we're not leaning in any direction'

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Every spring and summer, the brothers say they're helpless as runoff waterlogs their property before slowly seeping into the lake.

They're worried adding farm animals will lead to harmful contaminants, such as phosphorous and nitrates from manure, getting into the water. JD contends there's also an unmarked underwater stream that he believes empties into the lake.

After seeing the township conduct a lengthy septic inspection program, embrace the County's shoreline preservation bylaw, and enact several other environmental protections in recent years, Max said it would be a "major concern and such a departure from previous efforts" if the application is approved.

"I'm not against agriculture or hobby farming – I think it's great. But this is the wrong place. This is an established cottage area… our lake quality needs to be protected.

"Six years ago, a lot of people on Halls were required to replace their septic systems to protect the water, which we supported. But allowing pigs within 100 metres of the shore is not really what you want to see after forcing people into such a significant investment," Max said.

A petition opposing the zoning change has been signed by 560 people

County concern

The issue came to council's attention last September, with planner Sean O'Callaghan saying it has been developing over multiple years. The Kegels started keeping pigs in 2018, believing their property was zoned RU. O'Callaghan indicated, at the time, that was the township's belief, too.

But Natalya Garrod, a registered planner with Sumac Environmental Planning, said it hasn't been RU since the late 1980s. The previous owners of the Shalom on the Lake resort, which the Kegel family now owns, wanted to turn the site into a trailer park. Neighbours fought that at the Ontario Municipal Board, which ruled in their favour, implementing the current SR2 distinction.

"Even though the property doesn't directly touch the water, the OMB changed the zoning because it felt the impact that property could have on the lake, with its topography, was so significant that it should be zoned shoreline," said Garrod, retained by the neighbours' group last September.

She contends the application does not meet Algonquin Highlands' official plan, which stipulates any property within 120 metres of a lake's waterline be considered waterfront. The township does not permit agricultural activity in waterfront zones.

In emails to O'Callaghan last November and December, secured by the neighbours group via a Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act request, County planner Elizabeth Purcell indicated the upper-tier would not sign off on the rezoning. She cited road issues, saying the Kegel property fronts Carey Close and Deacons Trail – both private roads. Its main entrance is off the Shalom on the Lake property.

Shelley Fellows, president of the Halls and Hawk Lakes Property Owners Association (HHLPOA), opposes the application. While the organization doesn't typically get involved in neighbour disputes, she felt this one had the opportunity to drastically change the make-up of the lake one day.

"The list of things that would be permitted under a rural zone in Algonquin Highlands is extensive," Fellows said, noting it could pave the way for Kegel, or a future owner, to establish a cemetery, asphalt plant, or a quarry, and dozens of commercial uses.

Fellows said possible contaminants entering the lake could have far-reaching implications, with Halls Lake part of the Trent Severn Waterway system.

"If there is a contamination from a future farm, it will affect the residents on the lake who like to drink the water, or swim in it. It could also, potentially, have a very significant impact downstream," Fellows said. "I'm astonished the municipality would even contemplate it."

'No decision made'

Algonquin Highlands mayor Liz Danielsen said, "there has been a lot of opposition. People have assumed we're going to approve it and we have not said that… we're not leaning in any direction. But we need to give the applicant due consideration while also listening to the concerns of the community. These things are always a two-sided consideration."

The mayor said, last fall, council asked the Kegels to do an environmental impact study (EIS) and nutrient management examination, which have been done. Some councillors have visited the property.

Garrod feels an EIS falls short, calling for a more thorough environmental assessment, especially given there's a marked wetland on the property.

A report from O'Calloghan included in the May 29 agenda recommended turning the application down.

If there is going to be a hobby farm, Garrod wants council to implement "some serious provisions" to limit the impacts, such as identifying pen setbacks from neighbouring lot lines, storage for manure, and limiting the number of animals.

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Get on the bus together

By Lisa Gervais

My initial reaction to Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) announcing it's running a shuttle bus in the community starting June 4 – was to criticize the County of Haliburton for not being able to pull the trigger on this one yet.

After all, they have been investigating the prospect for years, and gotten nowhere so far.

So, how has HHHS managed to pull it off?

Granted, HHHS is only offering its bus service one day a week. It's using an eight-seat passenger van that it basically does not need that one day a week to take people on medical trips, such as down to Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay for dialysis.

So, HHHS has the added advantage of having its own bus, and its own driver, and administrative staff that will take care of the scheduling for the on-demand service.

What the County has been exploring is a much larger and complicated service.

At an April 23 meeting, the topic was back on the County table … again; with councillors directing staff to investigate an on-demand service model.

It had been a year since, in May 2024, council said 'no' to a bidder for a fixed route between Haliburton and Minden at about $730,000 plus gas for the first year.

Director of economic development, Scott Ovell, is now pitching the need for an on-demand service. He felt it would be cheaper and could reach outlying areas better. He cited examples in the District of Muskoka and County of Wellington.

A new RFP was to be posted in mid-to-late May. Any plan will need to ensure compliance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, identify service delivery options, routes, and cost, provide a detailed outline of proposed fares and service schedule, details on the type of bus they plan to utilize, information on booking methods, and a proposed date for implementation.

County staff wants a minimum five hours a day, five days per week connecting Minden and Haliburton, with drop-offs at places like the Haliburton hospital and Minden Urgent Care Clinic. There's also an option for bidders to outline a model that would service the entire County – including Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East.

One of the stumbling blocks has been that Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East are not keen to pay for a service they say will only benefit Minden Hills and Haliburton.

Well, I pay school taxes and don't have kids. However, I know that the larger Haliburton County community benefits from my school taxes. And, I know that as a County taxpayer, I have funded roads and bridges and culverts in Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East. I'll never drive on some of them. Quite frankly, I'm sick and tired of all of the parochialism because I know that a public transit system will benefit the entire Highlands.

HHHS isn't being parochial. Their six-month pilot will go to Haliburton, Minden, Wilberforce and its towns and Carnarvon and West Guilford.

A few years back, SIRCH also piloted community transportation.

In addition to putting out their RFP, it's probably past time that County staff talk to some of its community partners, such as HHHS and SIRCH about public transportation. After all, many hands make lighter work, and many heads will hopefully one day finally solve the Highlands' public transportation puzzle.

GUEST COLUMN

The power of belonging

Submitted by Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth, and Parents

When we think about safety in our communities, we often picture things such as police, fire services, or hospitals. But there's another kind of safety that's just as important; feeling like you belong.

Belonging means feeling accepted, supported, and connected to others. It starts with small things: a friendly neighbour, a teacher who listens, or a local program where kids feel welcome. These small moments can make a big difference, especially for children, youth, and families.

When young people feel like they belong, they are more likely to do well in school, stay out of trouble, and grow into healthy adults. Families who feel connected to their community are more likely to reach out for help when they need it. And when people feel supported, their mental health improves.

But not everyone feels this sense of belonging. Some children and youth feel left out at school. Some families feel isolated, especially if they are new to the area or facing challenges such as poverty, transportation issues, housing issues, or mental health struggles. That's why it's so important to build communities where everyone feels included.

In Haliburton County, we're lucky to have organizations such as Point in Time and the Youth Wellness Hub that are here to help. Point in Time offers a wide range of services for children, youth, and families; from counselling and parenting support to crisis response and youth outreach. The Youth Hub is a welcoming space where young people aged 12 to 25 can drop in, connect with peers, and access mental health care, educational support, housing help, and more; all in one place.

These services are designed to meet people where they're at, whether they're struggling or just looking for a safe space to grow. They help young people feel seen, heard, and supported. And they remind families that they're not alone.

Mental health is a big part of community safety and well-being. When people feel connected, they are more likely to talk about their feelings and ask for help. This can prevent problems from getting worse. It also helps reduce stigma, so people don't feel ashamed to speak up.

We all have a role to play. Whether you're a parent, teacher, coach, neighbour, or friend, you can help someone feel like they belong. And when we all feel like we belong, our communities become safer, healthier, and more hopeful places to live.

For more information about Community Safety and Well-Being in Haliburton County, visit haliburtoncounty.ca/cswb

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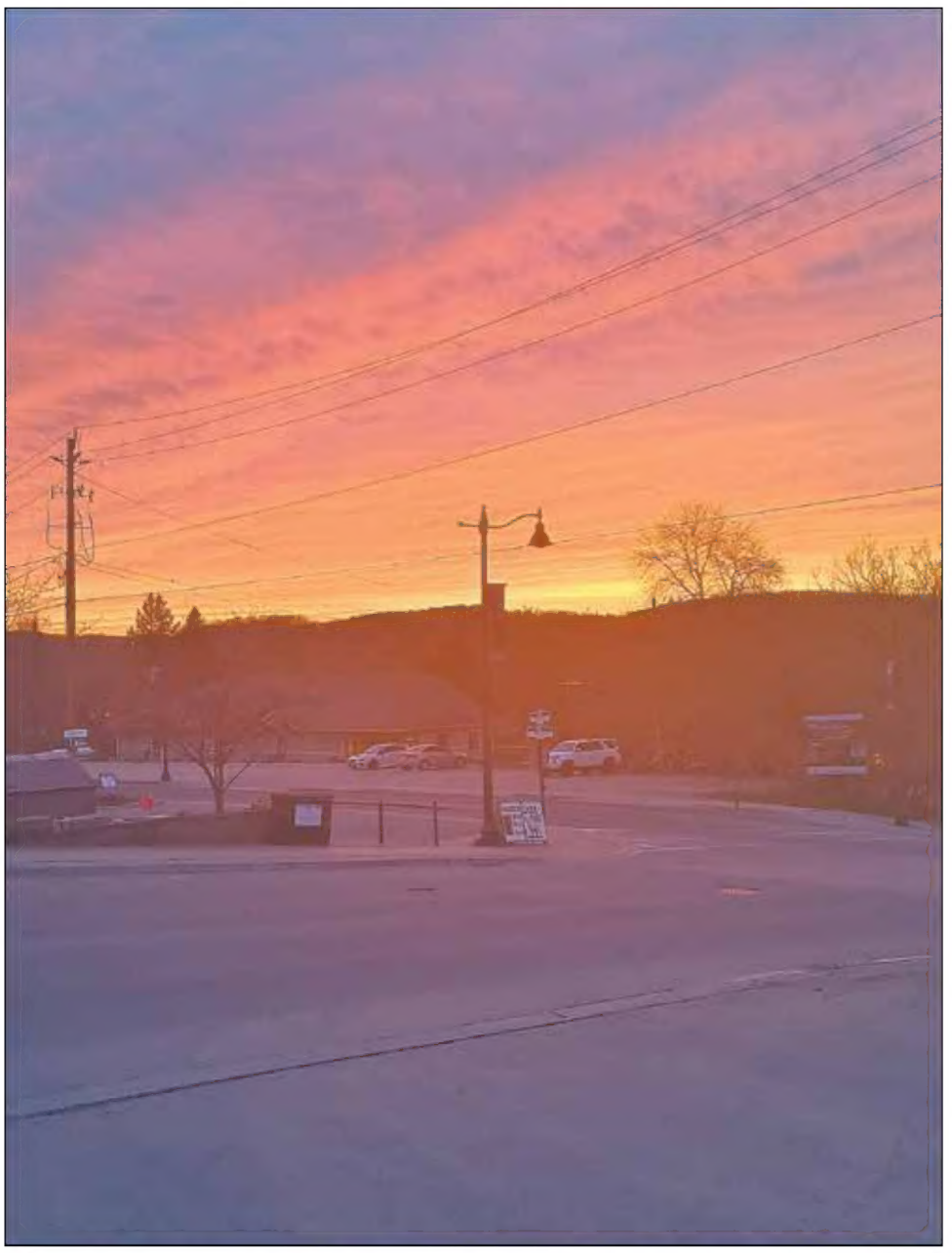
PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

Laureen Roberts sent this photo of her dog, Lincoln, who has been befriended by a grouse they've nicknamed Chuck Norris. Laureen said the grouse follows she and her husband on their ATV as well.



Alex McCracken snapped this shot of a gorgeous sunset in Haliburton village.

LETTERS

Not happy with Bell

Dear editor,

We live in rural Haliburton County and recently had an outage in all of our communications services.

I went to my landline to call Ontario Hydro only to find it was not working. I kept it for just such situations. Why didn't we use our cell phones? We don't have a cell phone tower in our area, and the Wi-Fi didn't work because we had no electricity and we do not pay Bell for 911 cell service.

After telephone service was restored, I called Bell to ask about our lack of landline service but they said Bell is no longer providing that service. With fibre being installed, they are also removing all the copper wire used by land-lines. That means all the people living in rural Haliburton County must live near a functioning cell tower, and be able to use a cell phone connected to 911. But, remember, if the electricity is out, the cell phone can't work without Wi-Fi.

Even if you have the now-old house phones, as soon as their batteries lose charge, they don't function. Since Bell is removing the only device that allows us to call for help, I wonder if we are moving forward? This is not the first time Bell has left us without telephone service.

If these situations were of no consequence, I wouldn't care, but without any way to call 911 might become a life-threatening situation. This is 2025. I think we can expect better. A number of years ago when 911 first came to Haliburton, I thought it was because the provincial government required all people in Ontario to be covered by that service, but I must be mistaken.

Barb Taylor
Dysart et al

Landfill cards

Dear editor,

I just received my two new waste management user cards in the mail (along with my property tax notice).

Now begins the summer of juggling the user cards.

The cottage is busy with my kids, their families, and other family members, all maximizing their cottage time.

We usually hit the dump on the way home to the city, taking our user card with us, but we only have two.

An easy fix would be to make extra copies so that we all have access during our weekly stay. Reading the card, "this card can't be loaned, shared, transferred, copied, scanned, photographed, or provided to short-term renters."

I can buy passes from the town for $5 each but how is that fair? So much for any free options. There must be a better way.

Glenn Tordoff
Drag Lake

Hey, car thief!

Dear editor,

Whoever borrowed my 2009 Subaru Outback out of my carport during the early morning of May 21 in Tory Hill; I'd appreciate it if you would give me back these two items out of the glove compartment: my wallet, and a small square gray battery.

Also, behind the front seat is a book of pictures in a plastic folder; in a small cardboard box are some nuts and bolts, plus a funny looking key on a square orange key chain. Lying on the floor is another small key, painted yellow along with a tractor seat, as well as an almost worn-out black jacket and anything else that you might think I'd like.

I'd appreciate it if you could take the car key off of the key chain and give me back the rest of the keys as well.

Please place all in a plastic garbage bag and leave at the bottom of my driveway at 13012 County Road 503, or drop off at the radio station in Haliburton, Canoe FM 100.9.

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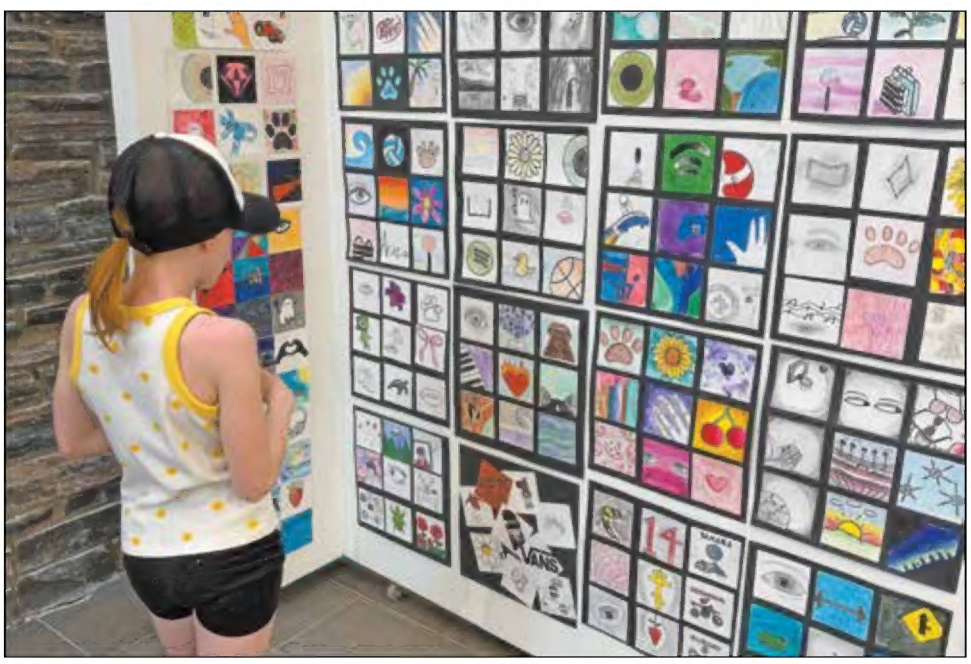

Better together

Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) wrapped up its 'Better Together' arts showcase with an evening at the Haliburton School of Art + Design May 14. The exhibit featured drawings, paintings, and sculptures created by students in Haliburton County, Kawartha Lakes, and Muskoka. TLDSB's Carolynne Bull said students were challenged to create pieces that represent connection. She said the showcase "is designed to empower students and teachers to work together to create awareness of our connection and produce positive changes in their schools and classrooms." *(Mike Baker).*

Left: A student at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School, shows off her abstract piece of a Pine Lake beach. Top right: Visitors filtered through the HSAD great hall, checking out the dozens of exhibit entries. Bottom right: A young Highlander admires some of the drawings completed by students from Archie Stouffer, Cardiff, J.D. Hodgson, and Stuart Baker elementary schools. *Photos submitted.*

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Gord Peteran at the opening of his exhibition, Mountain Lake at a Glance. *Courtesy of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery Facebook page.*

Capturing 'the ghosts that collect by a lake'

By Lisa Gervais

Gord Peteran's family has summered at Mountain Lake, just north of Minden, since 1934.

While Peteran is known as a sculptor, he has been plein-air painting Mountain Lake for the past 40 years.

Until now, this has remained a private affair, separate from his professional career as an artist.

Accumulating slowly over the years, these small oil sketches have performed much like a secret graphic diary, Minden Hills manager of cultural services, Shannon Kelly, says.

"What is unusual about this undertaking is that almost all 400 oil sketches are of the same view - true north from the family cottage. His exhibition at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery – running until July 12 - is the first time these personal paintings have been presented publicly," Kelly adds.

Peteran said, "the light changes constantly so I work quickly to fuse an hour of time with a place of the heart, attempting to document not only the trees, clouds and waves, but also the ghosts that collect by a lake."

Peteran is a Toronto-based sculptor. He has lectured and exhibited extensively throughout North America. His work is held in many private and public collections. Locally, he created the red entranceway for the Haliburton School of Art + Design and has a piece in the Haliburton Sculpture Forest.

While a professor at the Ontario College of Art and Design University for over 25 years, Peteran has also taught at The California College of Arts, Sheridan College School of Arts and Crafts, and the Rhode Island School of Design in Providence, RI.

He has been the recipient of numerous Government Arts Council grants and awards throughout his career, including the Jean A. Chalmers National Arts Award. Three exhibition catalogues have been published on his work.

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is a public gallery with year-round visual exhibitions of local and regional art. The gallery is part of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, which also includes the Heritage Village and Nature Place Interpretive Centre. The gallery is fully accessible and is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is by donation.

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CONSULTATION PUBLIQUE :

En ce qui concerne cette question, le public est invité à fournir des commentaires écrits ou à demander des informations supplémentaires avant le **24 Juin. 2025,** au contact indiqué ci-dessous. Veuillez inclure une adresse de retour.

Une session d'information publique se tiendra virtuellement le **25 Juin 2025 de 18h00 à 19h00.** Veuillez vous inscrire en utilisant l'email et le numéro de téléphone ci-dessous avant le **24 Juin 2025.**

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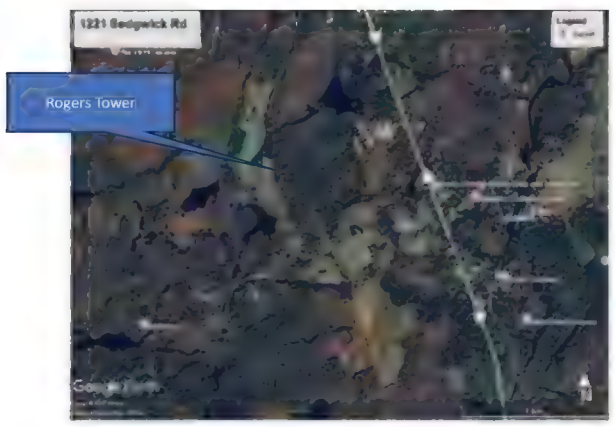

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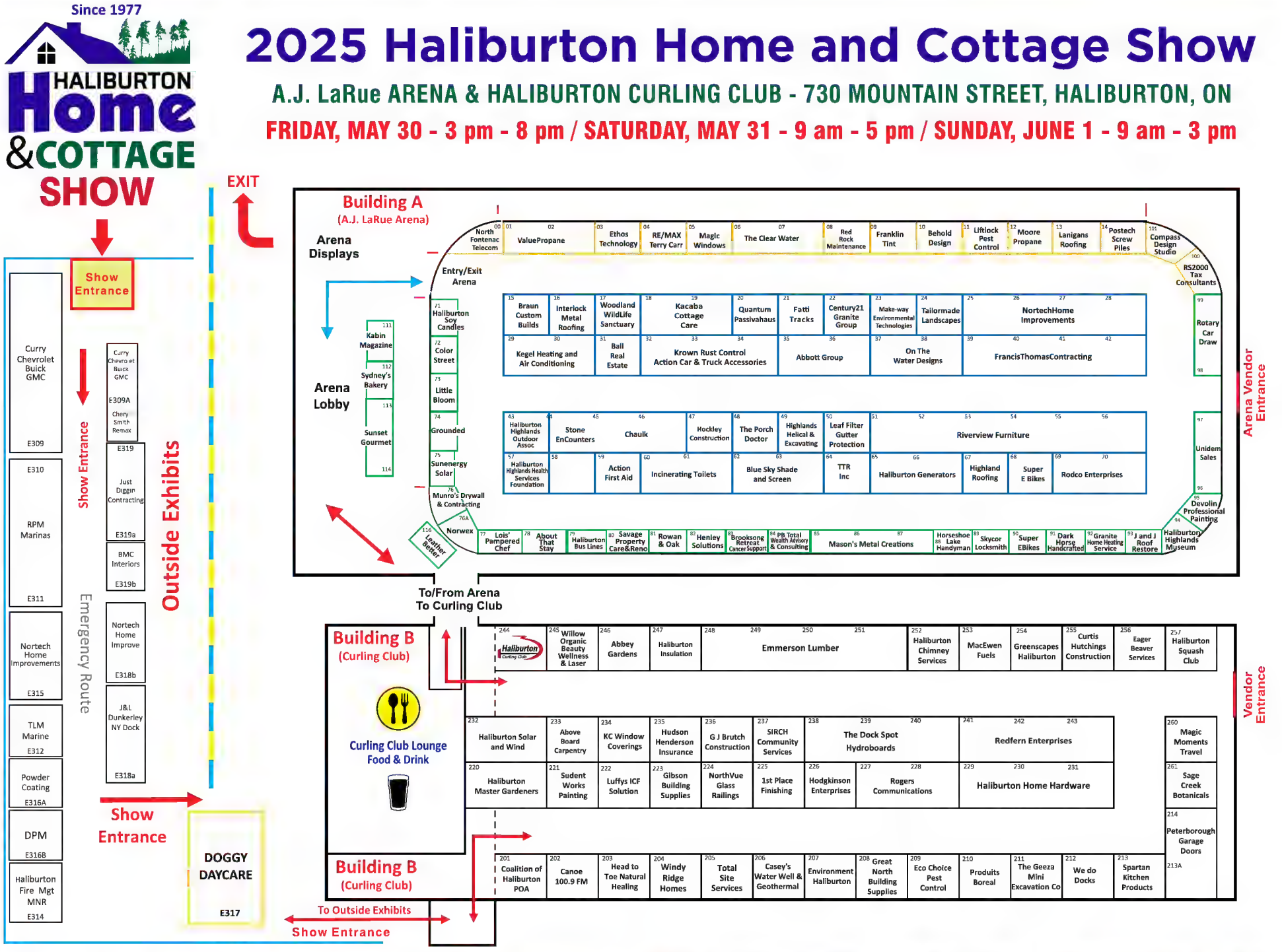

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Bob Mason of Mason's Metal Creations at his booth at a past home show. *File.*

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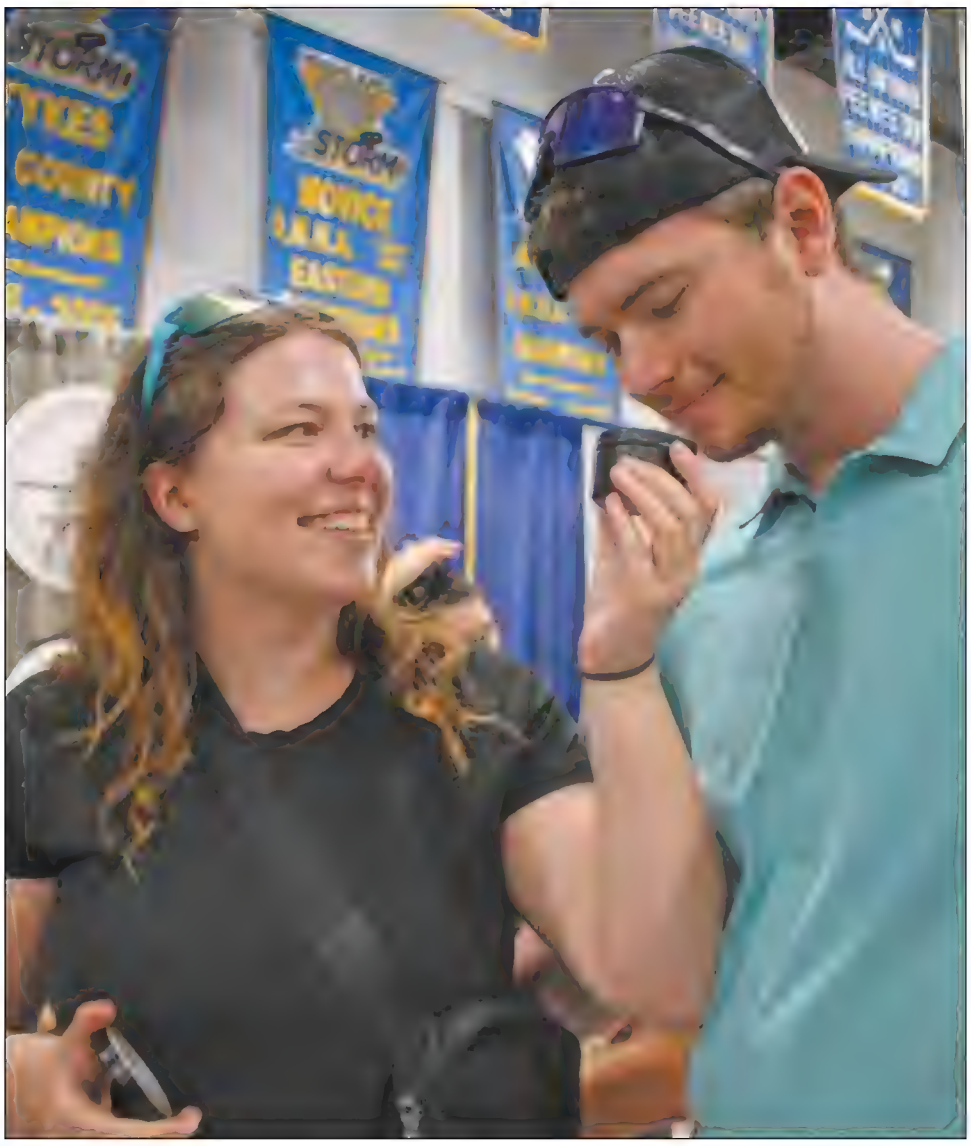

Lara Sachko gives Cam McLennan a sniff of a soy candle at a booth during a past Haliburton Home and Cottage Show. *File.*

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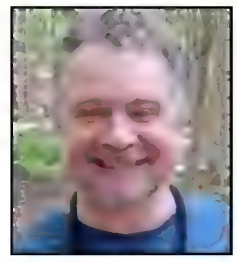

By Simon Payn

Nature knows best. Natural systems have evolved efficient solutions over millennia. When we work alongside these processes, we create resilient gardens that require less work from us.

Watch and listen to your land before planting. Understanding your cottage's unique conditions creates the foundation for success.

Right plant, very right place. I encourage you to embrace your sandy soil or rocky terrain rather than fighting it.

Plants with different root structures complement each other. Pairing deep-rooted plants with shallow-rooted ones creates resilient landscapes that access nutrients at various soil depths, improve soil structure, and better withstand dry spells and heavy rains.

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Plant densely, plant in layers, and create a community. This layering mimics natural plant communities and creates gardens that function ecologically while requiring minimal maintenance.

Let plants be plants. Some plants grow as individuals, others in groups or colonies. I've found that using these tendencies creates landscapes with lower maintenance.

Use groundcover layer, a vignette layer, and a structure layer. Even small gardens are best with groundcovers, structural elements, and seasonal interest to function year-round.

Think of your garden as a community of plants working together. Group plants with similar water and light needs, creating self-sustaining communities.

Add a few ruderal plants for quick impact while the slower natives establish. When I design gardens, I include quick-establishing plants for first-year impact while slower-growing natives develop.

Plant it and they will come. Native plants attract birds and pollinators, bringing nature closer to you and enhancing your cottage.

I use small plants and put them in the ground no more than 12 inches apart. This helps the garden establish more quickly and suppresses weeds—important for gardens with intermittent care.

Gardening for life is playing an infinite game. I've learned to embrace that my gardens are never "finished." They are constantly evolving systems where plants find their way, surprise me, and respond to gentle guidance rather than rigid control.

When I plant, I think about how nature would arrange things. Using groups of 3, 5, 8 or 13 plants creates plantings that appear naturally balanced rather than artificially arranged.

Show that your natural garden is intentional, not neglected. Including paths, furniture or sculpture signals a designed landscape.

Stop and look before you weed. Many apparent "problems" resolve naturally. This is valuable for properties visited intermittently.

Think of gardening as dancing with nature. Strategic pruning and selective weeding take less time than fighting natural tendencies.

Natural gardens become easier to care for over time. The first two years require more attention, but ecological gardens require significantly less maintenance over time.

Leave your garden standing through winter. This provides valuable winter habitat for wildlife and reduces fall maintenance tasks.

Simon Payn owns Haliburton-based ecological landscaping company Grounded. For more info, visit groundedgardens.ca.

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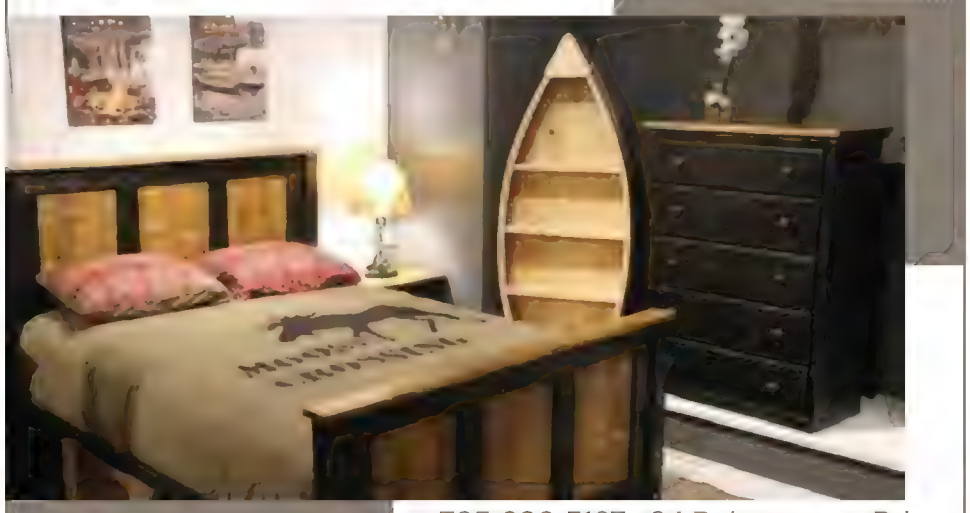

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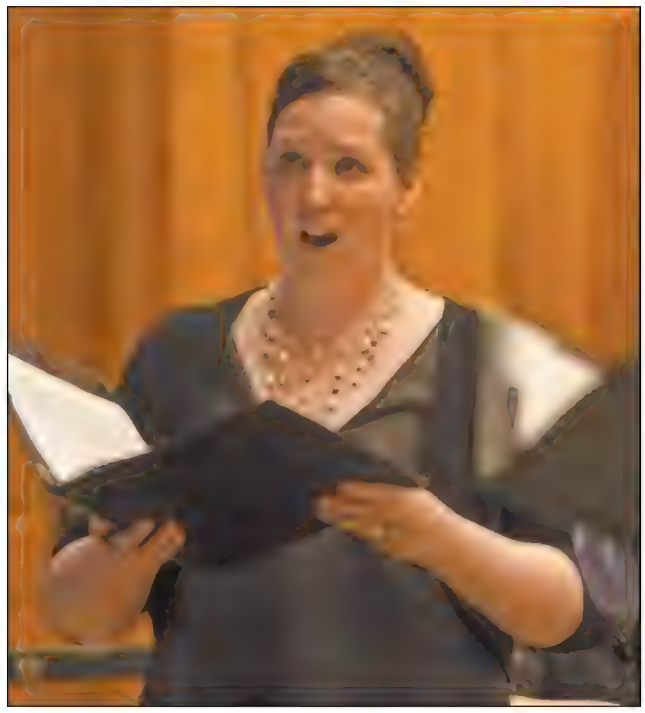

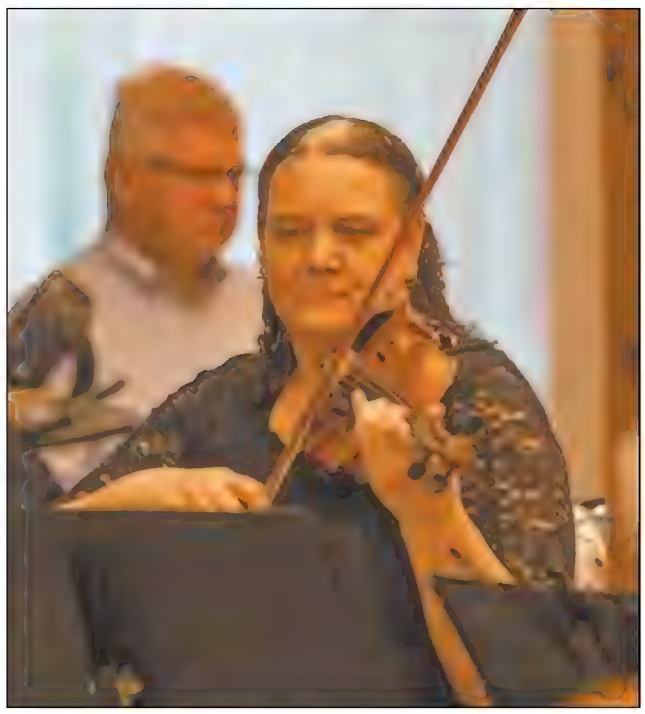

Dreams of far away lands

On May 24, The Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre hosted The Highlands Chamber Orchestra; a 45-member ensemble that has entertained County audiences for the past 14 years. In 'Dreams of Faraway Lands', they gave an outstanding performance, which included pieces by Raum, Sibelius, Badelt, Barry, Elgar, Brahms and Gershwin.

Top left: Conductor Daniel Manley guides his gifted troupe. Top centre: Soprano soloist Catherine D'addario sings to Johannes Brahms. Top right: On the horns, left to right, Gus Janca, Sue Robinson, Glen Carter, Bob Davis and Andy Salvatori on trumpet in the back. Bottom left: Concert master and lead violinist Jeska Houghton. Bottom centre: The audience is captivated by the sounds of the orchestra. Bottom right: Marcia Mandel tickles the xylophone to *American in Paris* by George Gershwin. *Photos by Ryan Roediger.*

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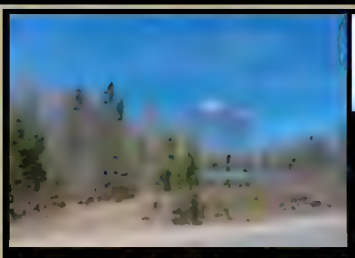

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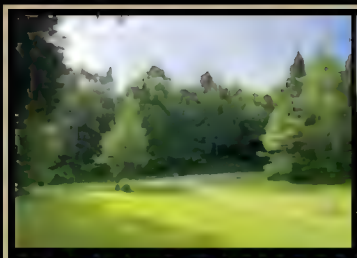

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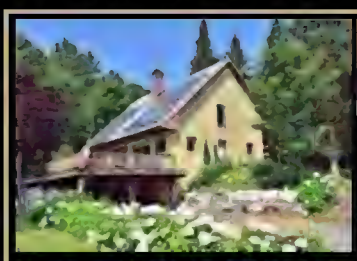

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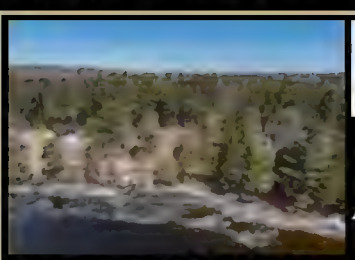

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Junior highlanders

Red Hawks battle the weather

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawk athletes endured freezing cold rain May 22, as they competed at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics (COSSA) championships at Bruce Faulds Track in Belleville. Following a very successful Kawarthas the week before, the Red Hawks took a second and two fourths on the bigger stage. *(Lisa Gervais)*

Top left: The Junior Girls 4x100m relay team of Addyson Parish, Jordyn Hurd, Fallon Thorn and Izzy Valentini finished fourth. Top right: The Senior Boys 4x100m relay team of Graham Backus, Ben McMahon, Brechin Johnston and Evan Backus, drenched, placed fourth. Above: Annika Gervais determinedly chases down her competition, helping to move the team up to a second-place finish in Open Girls 4x400m. *Submitted*

Junior highlanders

Hitting the track

On May 24, Archie Stouffer, J. Douglas Hodgson, Stuart Baker, Wilberforce and Cardiff elementary schools competed in a track and field meet on the grounds of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Children from Grades 1-8 competed in eight events in multiple age categories.

Top left: Addison Kulas of Archie Stouffer shows great form in the Sr. Girl's long jump. Top second: Kendal Park of J.D. Hodgson becomes the Sr. Girls 400m champion. Top third: Max Risk of Cardiff launches a mighty toss in the Tyke Ball Throw Event. Top right: Mykola Danilko of J.D. Hodgson shows how it's done. Above: A large crowd at the annual Haliburton County elementary track and field meet. *Photos by Ryan Roediger.*

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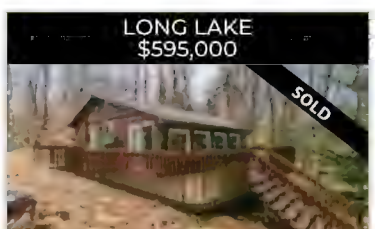

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Highlander sports

Wet sledding at the Pinestone

The Ontario Watercross Racing Association kicked off its 2025 season May 24 and 25 at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre in Haliburton. It was an exhilarating two days of snowmobile races on water. They'll be back at it again on the June 28-29 weekend. The races then shift to Stoco Lake Lodge in Tweed Aug. 23 and 24, before wrapping up at the same location on the Sept. 27-28 weekend. See more at ontariowatercrossracingassociation.wordpress.com or follow them on Facebook. *(Lisa Gervais)*

Top left: Evan Wright of Midland goes full throttle towards the finish line. Top centre: Justin Sears of Coldwater edges the competition. Top right: The winner gets the checkered flag. Bottom left: This rider gets that sinking feeling. Bottom centre: Wright leans into it. Bottom left: Rider and machine are recovered. *Photos by Ryan Roediger.*

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9 am:	Fairgrounds open
9 am:	Light Horse Show (all day)
9 am:	Vendors, artisans, demonstrations
9 am -11 pm:	Re/Max Balloon Rides Weather Permitting
11pm - 4 pm:	Zoo to You
3 pm:	Auction
3:30 pm:	Horse Pull
All Day:	Cattle Show
All Day:	Kids Pony Rides
All Day:	CURLING CLUB: exhibits, demonstrations, woodworking and much more.

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Things to See
THROUGHOUT THE DAY

- OPP, Minden Fire Department, EMS and Smokey the Bear
- Kawartha Dairy Ice Cream
- Beer Tent by Mulligans
- 50/50 Draw (Only 2100 tickets sold)
- Haliburton Rotary Club Draw SUV Tickets Available
- And much more

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Mulligans Beer Tent

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- Ministry of Natural Resources & SMOKEY the BEAR
- Kids Games
- Turtle Guardians
- Farmers Association Farm Animals

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Highlander events

WHAT'S HAPPENING this week

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Thursday May 29

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Saturday May 31

Boshkung Brewing Live Music 3 pm – 6 pm

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Sat, June 7 - Sir Sam's Inn & Spa, 8-10 pm
Sun, June 15 - Dominion Hotel, 4-7 pm
Sat, June 21 - Dominion Hotel, 6-9 pm
Wed, June 25 - Bancroft Private Event
Thurs, June 26 - Lindsay Private Event
Fri, June 27 - Lindsay Private Event
Tues, July 1 - Kinmount Canada Day, 5-Dusk
Thurs, July 3 - Dominion Hotel, (Solo) 5-7 pm
Sat, July 5 - Sir Sam's Inn and Spa, 8-10 pm
Wed, July 9 - Cannington Private Event
Sat, July 12 - Coboconk Blue Room, 7-11 pm
Tues, July 15 - Dominion Hotel, Tiki Tuesday, 5-8 pm
Fri, July 18 - Minden Fair Grounds, (Lions) 7-9 pm
Fri, August 1 - Midnight Madness Haliburton, 7-10 pm
Thurs, August 7 - Dominion Hotel (Solo) 5-7 pm
Sat, August 9 - Wilberforce Fair, 10 am to 4 pm
Sun, August 10 - Drag Lake Private Event
Tues, August 12 - Dominion Hotel, 5-8 pm
Wed, August 13 - Bonnieview Inn, 5-8 pm
Sat, August 16 - Private Dock Party
Sat, August 23 - Dominion Hotel, 5-8 pm
Tues, Aug 26 - Farmers Market Haliburton 10am-12pm
Fri, August 29 - Minden Fair Grounds (Lions) 7-9 pm
Tues, September 2 - Dominion Hotel, (Solo) 5-7 pm
Sat, September 6 - Sir Sam's Inn & Spa, 8-10 pm

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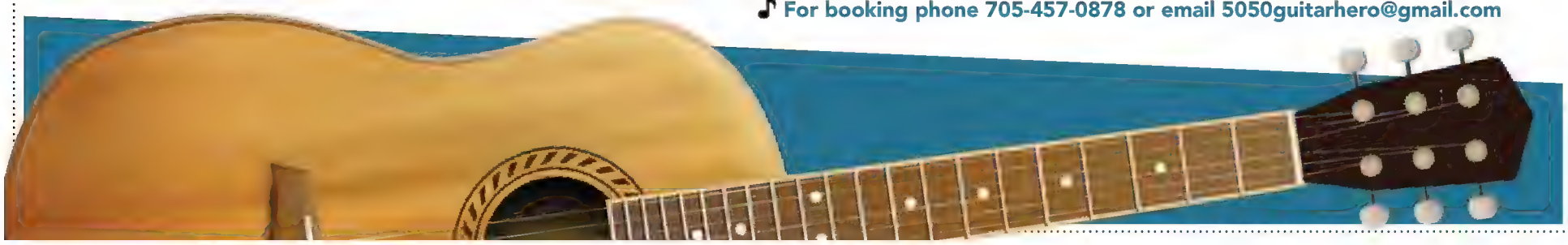

What's on

Notice of Complete Application and Public Meeting Concerning a Zoning By-Law Amendment

MINDEN HILLS

Take Notice that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application to amend the Township's Zoning By-law.

And Take Notice that the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a **Public Meeting**, as required under the Planning Act. The Public Meeting is an opportunity for Council to hear and consider comments related to the proposed amendment. Any member of the public may speak in favour, or opposition to, the proposed amendment during the Public Meeting.

Date and Location of Public Meeting
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Hybrid Meeting (In-person and Electronic via Zoom)

The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider zoning by-law amendment application **PLZBA2025031** pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act. The zoning by-law amendment application for Public Meeting is detailed below:

PLZBA2025031: Part Lot 10, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Minden, being 1473 Bat Lake Road (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect: The subject property is currently zoned 'Rural (RU)' and 'Hazard Lands (HZ)' and is located within the Rural and Environmental Protection designations of the Township's Official Plan. The zoning by-law is submitted to fulfill a condition of consent application H-051-24 and would serve to rezone portions of the property to 'Hazard Lands (HZ)' and incorporate site-specific provisions to protect the natural heritage features identified in an Environmental Impact Study prepared in relation to the consent applications.

To Watch: Members of the Public wishing to watch the meeting in person can do so by attending the Township Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden. Members of the Public wishing to watch the meeting virtually can do so by joining the **Meeting Live Stream Link** on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/@townshipofmindenhills4716

To Participate in Person: Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the Public Meeting must: pre-register by emailing admin@mindenhills.ca by Wednesday, June 11th, before 4:00 PM or by registering the morning of the meeting before 8:30 AM in the **Township Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden.**

To Participate via Zoom on the Web or by Telephone please email admin@mindenhills.ca by Wednesday, June 11th, before 4:00 PM to obtain login information.

If attending virtually, please log-on 30 minutes before the meeting. Once registered, participants will automatically be placed into a holding room and brought into the meeting as permitted by the Chair.

Written Submissions either in support of or opposition to the application must be received prior to the Public Meeting and can be submitted to adougherty@mindenhills.ca

Please Note: We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. **Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting the Township website** at: https://www.mindenhills.ca/council/

Please note the live-stream link provided for each meeting will only be activated while Council is in session.

Additional Information regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street by appointment or on the Township website. For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at adougherty@mindenhills.ca or by phone at 705-286-1260 (ext. 506).

Any Person may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Minden Hills before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

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Lexi Feinstein, the new marketing manager of the Haliburton County Farmers Market, displays informational brochures for shoppers. Minden markets are Saturdays, Dysart Tuesdays 10 a.m. -2 p.m. *Photo by Ryan Roediger.*

Roadside Brush Collection Program

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If you live within this zone, please place your brush on the roadside for collection by 7:00 am, Monday, June 2nd. Pickup is available on County and Township roads only. To view the pickup zones, visit: https://haliburtoncounty.ca/brushcollection

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Collection runs from May 12-June 13

Haliburton Highlands

Township of Minden Hills

Jazz, folk singer brings stories to life

By Mike Baker

Barbra Lica said she's excited to bring her unique blend of jazz, folk, country and pop music to Haliburton later this month in what will be her first appearance on-stage in the Highlands.

The 37-year-old singer-songwriter has travelled the continent since getting her big break in 2012 following the release of her debut album *That's What I Do*. It opened at number one on iTunes Canada's jazz chart.

Lica's name has been synonymous with the genre ever since, but she told *The Highlander* in a recent interview that she's really looking forward to playing a predominantly folk-inspired set at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on May 31. The event is hosted by the Haliburton County Folk Society.

"I feel like for many years I've been trying to get the folk community to accept me – I'm someone who likes to incorporate many different sounds into my music. There's all kinds of influences and it really does straddle that line in a Madeleine Peyroux or Norah Jones kind of way," Lica said.

While she's drawn inspiration from the likes of Doris Day, Ella Fitzgerald, Peggy Lee, Nat King Cole, and Betty Hutton, Lica said she's been fine tuning her sound pretty much from birth. Her parents were both professional musicians, so her house was never quiet for long during her formative years.

She's always been a bit of an old soul when it comes to music – while growing up she preferred slower jazz-like melodies to the pop and rock songs of the day.

Juno-nominated jazz and folk singer Barbra Lica is performing in Haliburton May 31. *Submitted.*

Lica has released eight studio albums, with 2016's *I'm Still Learning* earning her a Juno Award nomination for Vocal Jazz Album of the Year in 2017. Her most recent release, *Imposter Syndrome*, scored her nominations for Single of the Year and Solo Artist of the Year at the 2024 Canadian Folk Music Awards.

In addition to writing for herself, Lica has also penned pieces for jazz crooner Matt Dusk, J-Pop singer Harumi, and Taiwanese popstar Morrison Ma. She is also the co-founder and lead vocalist for the Toronto Chamber-Pop Orchestra.

She'll be backed up in Haliburton by her band of 10-plus years – Tom Fleming on guitar, Will Fisher on drums, Mark Godfrey on bass, and Joel Visentin on keyboard. Lica said the show will be more than a traditional concert.

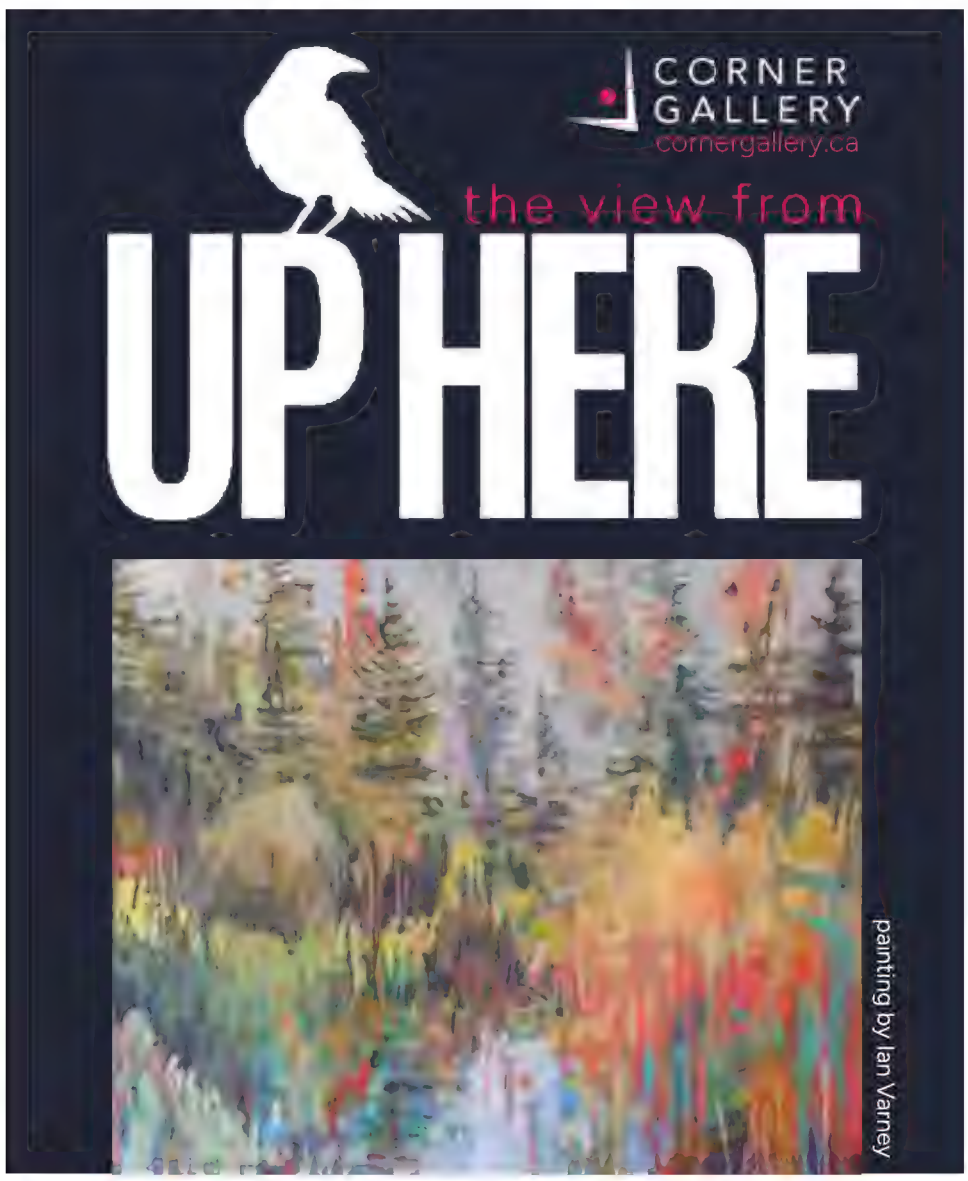
"The core of the show is all about storytelling. Some people like to let their songs speak for themselves, but I like to flip things and speak for the songs a little," Lica said. "There will be a very friendly, familial vibe on stage. We'll be sharing love stories, stories about loss and heartbreak, and stories about life in general.

"That's the thing we enjoy most – telling and playing our own stories," she added.

After completing a three-week tour of Oregon and California last month and a big set at Koerner Hall in Toronto for Jazz Day April 30, Lica said the Haliburton show will be her final live performance for several months. She's taking a break to complete two new albums – one a Jazz collaboration with Ben Whiteley and the other a chamber orchestra.

Between those and caring for her three-year-old son, she expects it will be "the busiest, quietest summer I've ever had."

For tickets, visit haliburtonfolk.com. Youth aged 18 and under can attend for free.



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Tuesdays: League darts starting at 7 p.m in the clubroom. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30-9 p.m. between September and June.
Wednesdays: Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, Remembrance Hall. Bingo 5 p.m. doors open, 7 p.m. start time, Remembrance Hall. Snack bar available – French fries and hot dogs available while supplies last.
Thursdays: General meeting third Thursday of the month.
Fridays: meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets $2 per draw. Paul Sisson, MC. Friday fun darts 4:30 p.m. onwards. 50/50 draw at 5 p.m, tickets are $1 and available in the clubroom.
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Saturdays: open 2 to 9 p.m.
Sundays: closed, special events only

Darts at 7 p.m. June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Cost is $5 per player. Afternoon sessions are June 4, 11, 18 and 25 starting at 2 p.m. Cost is $4 per player.

We have suspended our cornhole league.

Fish and chips May 30 from 5 to 8 p.m. Cost is $15 for one piece, $20 for two pieces.

Horseshoes June 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 7 p.m. Cost is $5 per player.

EVENTS

May 29, 1 p.m. The Arts Council Haliburton Highlands is hosting a 'Threads of Connection' networking event at the West Guilford Community Centre at 1061 Kennisis Lake Rd. Calling all textile artists, crafters, and creatives – whether you're a seasoned pro or just exploring the world of textiles, this gathering is for you. Cost to attend is $5. This is a Visual Artists and Artisans Roundtable event.

May 30, 3 to 8 p.m. The Haliburton Home and Cottage Show returns to A.J. LaRue Arena and Haliburton Curling Club. Featuring more than 130 vendors, this event is the place to find everything you need to fulfill your home and cottage needs. Also running May 31 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and June 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

May 31, 10:30 a.m. Fill-a-planter workshop event at Haliburton Highlands Brewing in Carnarvon. Led by Sue from Pine Reflections Garden Centre. Bring your favourite planter, a hand trowel and gloves. Lunch provided by The Mason Jar. Cost to participate is $35 per person. To book your spot call 705-489-2739 or email info@haliburtonbrewing.ca.

June 1, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. SIRCH Repair Café at the Minden Community Centre – bring your broken belongings for local volunteers to fix on-the-spot. Bring your household electrical and mechanical devices, furniture, computers, bicycles, clothing, and cherished antiques/keepsakes.

June 3, 7 p.m. Do you love to garden? Please join the Minden & District Horticultural Society at the Minden Community Centre (55 Parkside St.). Guest speaker is Ingrid Janssen, who will be discussing 'peonies'. Monthly society meeting to follow. New members welcome. The Horticultural Society Youth Members program runs at the same location from 4 to 5 p.m. For details, email minden.jr.hort.club@gmail.com.

June 3, 7 p.m. The public is invited to a discussion with Xavier Masse, dean of the Haliburton School of Art + Design, who will explore how art is a foundation for our communities, connecting us to beauty to enhance our wellbeing. Taking place at the Haliburton Legion. Music from Thom Lambert to open. This free event is hosted by the Baha'I community of Haliburton County.

June 4, 7 p.m. HaliUkes and Haliburton Highlands Brewing are partnering for ukelele jam sessions, running all summer on the first and third Wednesday of June, July and August. Located at 15543 Hwy. 35.

June 6, 6 to 8 p.m. Skyline Dance Studio is hosting its annual recital at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. This event showcases the development, hard work and dedication of dancers across all forms – recreational ballet, jazz, tap, acro, lyrical, musical theatre, and intermediate/senior pointe. Other performances are scheduled June 7 at 1 and 6 p.m. and June 8 at 1 p.m.

June 7, 4:30 to 11 p.m. Minden Rotary is hosting its annual dinner auction and dance at the Minden Community Centre. Music by DJ Dan Sullivan. Tickets are $65 are available at Mollys Market and Bakery, Lets Get Local, Lynda Litwin Re/Max or online at ourfundraiser.events/MindenRotaryDinner2025.

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In Loving Memory

Gwendolyn Marjorie Main
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It is with great sadness that we announce Gwen left us, peacefully, her sleep, at Mayerthorpe Hospital, Alberta. Gwen was the loving wife of Bert Main (predeceased) and mother of five. Lyndell Oldfield (Lon), Steven Main (Carol), Judy Barchuk (Larry), Helen Feldberg(Jeff), and Bob Main (Carrie). She will be sadly missed by 15 grandchildren and several great grandchildren, along with many nieces and nephews and their families. The Prindiville and Brammer families also hold special regard for Grandma Main.

Gwen was born in Toronto and as a young child moved to the Boyne Lake in Haliburton. Because of the distance to town she took her early schooling by correspondence, then went to High School in Haliburton. When Gwen was a young woman of eighteen she married Bert. They built their family home and raised five children. Eventually Gwen worked out of the home at various jobs, including cooking at Maple Sands Resort and Camp Wanakita, where she especially enjoyed interacting with all the young campers. Upon retiring from there she took on the role of support worker to frail and elderly people, and volunteered at Community Care Haliburton. Throughout this time she took excellent care of her aged mother. Gwen was well known for the kindness she extended to anyone she met who needed a meal, a ride, or company and encouragement, often offering wisdom and a ray of hope from the Scriptures.

Gwen loved music, get togethers with family and friends, and dancing. Her pleasure came from simple things like growing flowers, berry picking, chickadee in her birch tree, setting an extra plate, and staying connected with friends. She is lovingly remembered for the walks, crafts and baking sessions with her grandchildren. She and Bert also enjoyed travel to Texas, Alberta, and the East Coast, among other places.

After Bert's death, Gwen took the bold step of moving to Alberta, where two of her daughters live. She immediately developed warm and lasting friendships within her new congregation and her new community of Evansburg where she set an example of generosity, positivity and hospitality.

Please join fellow mourners at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses (1017 Wigamog Rd/Hwy 21) Haliburton at 3:00 p.m. May 31, 2025 to remember Gwen. Refreshments to follow.

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Dave was the loving soul mate and husband of Janette Heaven for 62 years, and cherished father of Kym (Kevin) and Paul (Irene). As a "Poppy", he will be greatly missed by his granddaughters, Mikaela, Tanisha (Louca) and Abby (Josh) and grandsons Coleman (Anusha) and Logan. He will be fondly remembered by his brother Ted (Carol), sister Gwynneth (Bill) and the whole Heaven gang.

Dave will be remembered for the "Heaven Piano Company", a business he ran in the Hamilton area for 37 years. His true passion was philosophy, and he studied under Dr George Grant at McMaster University for many years, reading and writing in search of the truth. He was inspired by the Canadian wilderness. Along with his wife and dear friends John and Sharon Rudoph, he paddled much of Georgian Bay, as well as the north shore and parts of the south shore of Lake Superior. He also paddled many of the Ontario rivers and lakes, as well the Moise River in Labrador and the Hood River in the Arctic.

As we remember him, let us celebrate the fun, adventure, laughter and love he brought to our lives.

May his search for the truth be fulfilled.

Cremation has already taken place. There will be a Celebration of Life on June 28th, 2pm-5pm at 2490 Horseshoe Lk Rd.

Donations may be made to Inter Pares Globalize Equality or the Minden Food Bank in Daves memory.

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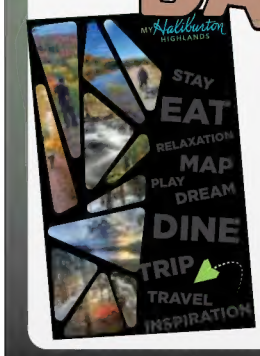

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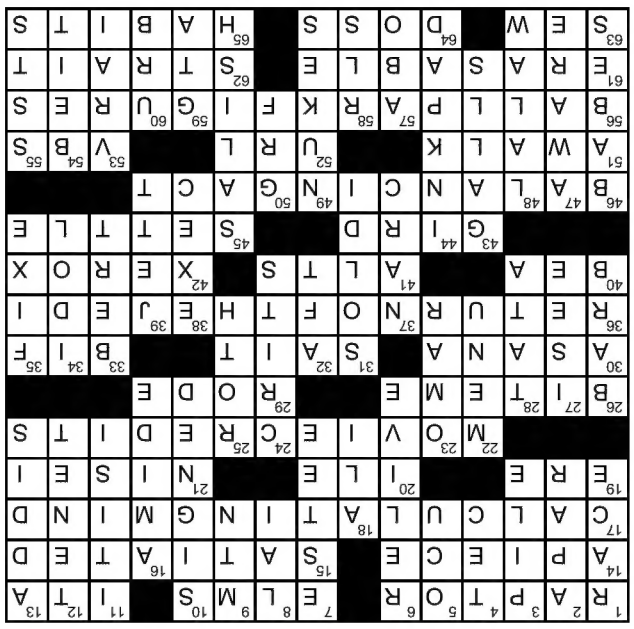

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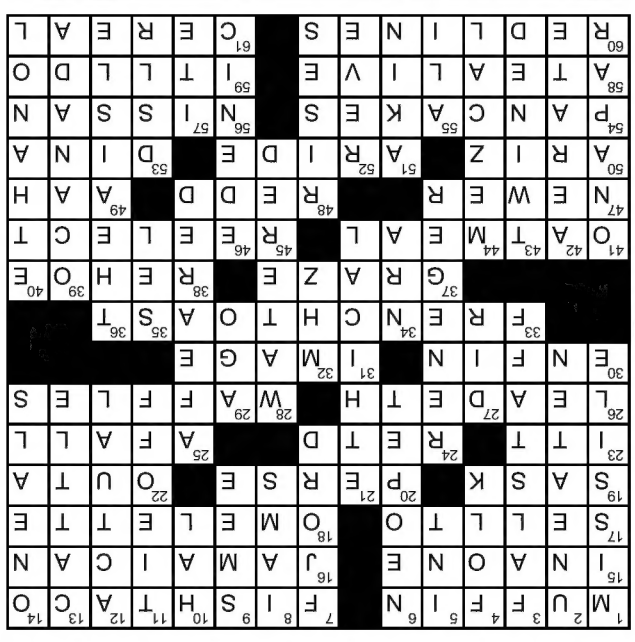
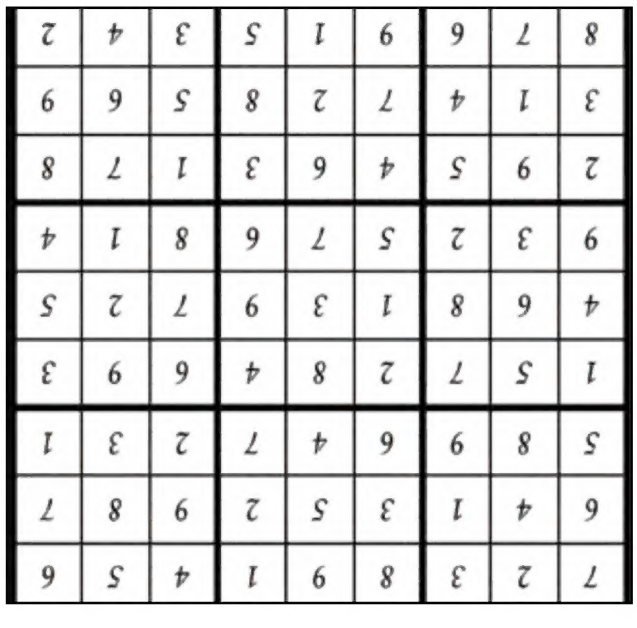




OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory

Lois Emmerson

It is with deep love and fond remembrance that the family of Lois Marilyn June Emmerson announce her peaceful passing, surrounded by family, on May 22, 2025, at the age of 90.

Born on October 5, 1934, in Weston, Ontario, Lois was the youngest of five children born to Elsie and William Orrin Bailey. She began her schooling in the close-knit community of Eagle Lake and later attended high school in Haliburton, a place that remained dear to her heart.

Beyond her many professional accomplishments, she lived a life deeply rooted in her Christian faith. Her beliefs were not just spoken but lived out daily through her generosity, integrity, and the quiet way she lifted others.

Lois loved spending time with friends and family. Whether gathered around a bridge table or sharing heartfelt conversations, she found joy in connection and community.

Lois was predeceased by her husband, William (Bill) Emmerson. She leaves behind her children Cheryl (Pat), Kim (Linda), Laureen (Jim), and Janice (Kevin). Also, her beloved grandchildren Erin (Dawson), Meghan (Adam), Ryan (Jenn), Haley (Matt), Adam, Amy, Alycia (Matt), Krystal, and Andrew. And finally her cherished great-grandchildren Hadlyn, Hudson, Harlowe, Sullivan, Olivia, Ashton, Brooks, Bennett, and Charlie.

"To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord."
2 Corinthians vs 5-8

Visitation and Funeral Service

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118 Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0 (705) 457-9202 Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 12:00 (noon) for a service in Lois' memory (Visitation 2 hours prior.)
As an expression of sympathy, donations in Lois' memory can be made to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

Community Funeral Home

In Loving Memory

Laurel McGuinness

Beloved Wife, Mother, and Friend.

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Laurel McGuinness, who left us peacefully on May 21, 2025, at the age of 68, surrounded by her loving family. Laurel was a deeply loving and generous soul who touched the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Laurel was the devoted wife of Jerry McGuinness, her partner and best friend of over 40 years. Together, they built a life grounded in love, patience, and unwavering support for one another. Laurel was also the proud and cherished mother of Jessica McGuinness and a loving mother-in-law to Bryn Hickman, whom she welcomed into the family with open arms and a full heart.

Laurel will be remembered for her kind spirit, gentle nature, and boundless compassion. She had a heart of gold and lived her life by putting others before herself. Whether offering a listening ear or a handmade gift crafted with love, she made everyone around her feel special and cared for.

Resilient and incredibly patient, Laurel embodied quiet strength and grace. She found joy in the simple pleasures — her love for owls, bees, Barbie collectibles, weekend antiquing, and curating warm and welcoming home décor brought light and personality to everything she touched.

Laurel was also a talented and creative soul. She loved crafting, painting, and drawing, often sharing her creations with friends and family. Some of her happiest days were spent boating on Gull Lake, where she grew up spending summers with her family. Fulfilling a lifelong dream, Laurel returned to Haliburton in recent years and created a cherished home where she could enjoy nature, make memories, and build a lasting family retreat.

Time outdoors was where she felt most herself — nurturing the land she loved, thoughtfully placing her handmade crafts, and shaping the beach with love. It's a place that now reflects her spirit and will be remembered as part of her lasting presence.

Laurel's memory will live on in the hearts of her family and friends, and in every quiet corner of the places she loved. She leaves behind a legacy of kindness, creativity, and unwavering love.

She will be dearly missed and forever loved.

Private Funeral Arrangements

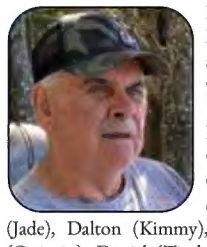
Funeral arrangements are private. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME,** 13523 Hwy. #118 Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0 (705) 457-9209.
As an expression of sympathy, donations may be made to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation and would be appreciated by the family.

Community Funeral Home

KAY, John Douglas passed away at Foothills Hospice, Okotoks, Alberta on May 16, 2025. John is survived by his wife, Linda (Suter/McInerney), sons Douglas William (Minako) Kay, Qatar, John Cameron (Erin) Kay, Carleton Place, Ontario, Joshua Michael McInerney (Carla) and Zachary David (Victoria) McInerney both of Calgary, Alberta. John was blessed with five beautiful grandchildren, Isla and. Georgia Kay, Nicolas, Stella and Martina McInerney. John is also survived by his sister Linda Victor (Leon deceased) and sister in law, Barbara Bain (Ray). John had many nieces and nephews who loved and cherished him. John will be remembered for his unwavering love for his family, his thoughtful and generous nature and his sense of humour that never faded. He will be missed every day.

In Loving Memory of

Murray Wesley Cooper



Passed away peacefully at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre with his family at his side on Thursday, May 22, 2025 at the age of 76.

Beloved husband and best friend of Zelda Cooper (nee Sisson). Dear father of Karen (James), Toni (Traviss) and Tina. Best friend of Russell Morrison. Loving poppa of Andrew (Jade), Dalton (Kimmy), Tianna (Justin), Cassie (Andrew), Shelby (Quintin), Daniel (Timber) and Alexandria (deceased). Great poppa of Sierra, Jordyn, Danika, Mackenzie, Wesley and Skylar. Son of the late Ray and Mae Cooper. Dear brother of Carolyn (Claude), Darlene (David) and Pam (Steve). Lifelong friend of Russell Sisson. Fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, his Hydro, Curling, Fishing and Hunting buddies.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the West Guilford Community Centre, 1061 Kennisis Lake Rd., West Guilford, Ontario K0M 2S0 on Saturday, June 14, 2025 from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the West Guilford Community Centre, Minden Curling Club, Haliburton Forest Wildlife Fishing Society (all by cheque only) or the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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What's for Breakfast?

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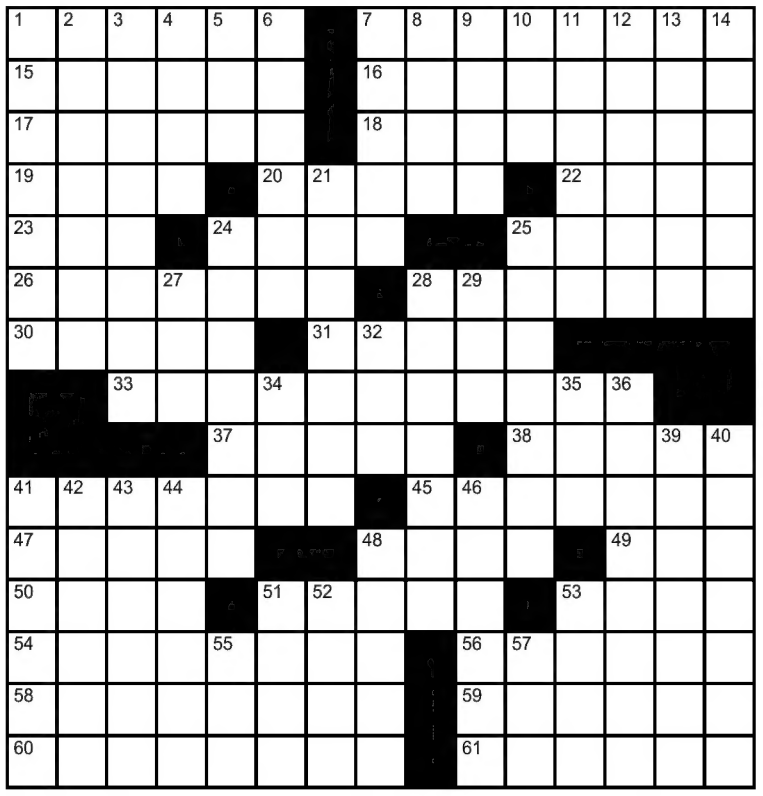

Across

1 Baked breakfast fare
7 Seafood-filled shell
15 "... ___-horse open sleigh"
16 Bob Marley's nationality
17 Provide for a fee
18 Folded breakfast fare
19 Roughriders' prov.
20 Literally, "in itself"
22 Let ___ sigh
23 Hairy cousin of the Addams
24 Collecting the C.P.P., maybe
25 Take ___ (hit the dirt)
26 Show the way, biblically
28 Dimpled breakfast fare
30 Françoise's "Finally!"
31 Mirror ___
33 Egg-dunked breakfast fare
37 Eat like a horse
38 Work the soil again
41 Mushy breakfast fare
45 Keep in for another term
47 Less last-year
48 Sitcom star Foxx
49 Utterance to a tonsil checker
50 Grand Canyon state: Abbr.
51 Words with thumb or bum
53 Actress Meyer of "Saw" movies
54 Flat breakfast fare
56 Rogue carmaker
58 Totally trounced
59 "Good enough, I guess"
60 Moral boundaries not to be crossed
61 Flaky breakfast fare

Down

1 Long-range bomb
2 Still on the plate
3 Plump knight in Shakespeare plays
4 Woodstock music genre
5 Bank loan accrual: Abbr.
6 Kid's virtual dog or cat
7 Norwegian inlet
8 Smart Puppy brand
9 Hook's sidekick
10 Rogue computer of sci-fi
11 Complete a suture job
12 Not just imagined
13 Rancher's head?
14 Ryan and Tatum of "Paper Moon"
21 Principled
24 Promise breaker
25 Shakin' in one's boots
27 "Cut!" caller: Abbr.
28 Tended to the garden
29 Have ___ at (try)
32 Radio freq. unit
34 "From my cold, dead hands" grp.
35 "Frites" sprinkling
36 What a political party-switcher crosses
39 Jully Black sang it with the lyric "our home on native land"
40 Plant-based fuel
41 Equal to, with "with"
42 Make bubbly, as fish tank water
43 Bound like bales
44 Booze sometimes served with "worm salt"
46 Like the first lady's home?
48 Reacts to baker's yeast
51 Similar (to)
52 Dream, in Drummondville
53 Fancy camera type, in brief
55 ___ Baba
57 Social following?

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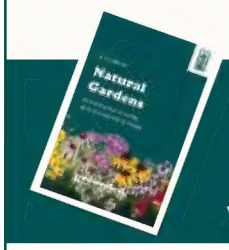

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